And the Renewer of Millatu-Ibrahim Has Departed

The heart grieves, the eye tears, and for your departure, O Abu Bakr, we are filled with sorrow. However, we only say what pleases our Lord: Truly, to Allah we belong and to Allah we shall return.

Amirul-Muminin Shaykh Mujahid Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) has departed to his Lord. His life ended in a way expected and wished by every mujahid for the sake of Allah. He could have attained it when he started his jihad 15 years ago, but his Lord wanted for his death to be delayed for years, During that time, many good deeds counted in his favor, such as fighting for the sake of Allah, enduring hardship for the cause of His religion, and learning and teaching His rulings. Ultimately, Allah granted him to become the Imam of Muslims and to be killed on that status - we consider him thusly and Allah is His judge. Shaykh Ibrahim (may Allah accept him) attained shahadah to conclude his life the same way other imams of the religion and emirs of jihad did before him, including Abu Mus'ab az-Zarqawi, Abu 'Umar al-Baghdadi, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, and Usama bin Laden (may Allah accept them), and many others who not harmed if people do not remember them. They preferred to be killed for the sake of Allah over getting captured by the mushrikin. So, they concluded their lives either by a Crusader bombing or by detonating their explosive belts on them. We ask Allah to elevate their ranks to the highest positions.

The renewer of Millatu-Ibrahim died after Allah utilized him and his brothers to restore the deceased life practices and the rituals that ceased to exist, and to kill many innovations, and to revive souls that were exhausted from the long years of oppression by the mushrikin on Muslims. This happened when they saw Islam empowered on earth once again, controlling everything and not being controlled by others, and people being ruled by it and citizens judged by it. They came forth individually and in groups, muhajirin and ansar, to join the blessed caravan to gain part of the ajr of the establishment of the religion and the honor of increasing the strength of the group of Muslims. Some of them used to say: "I don't care if I die today or tomorrow after I have witnessed the level of superiority that Islam and its people reached. All that I care for is to attain shahadah while I am part of this group that established it and guarded it." And some of them used to say:"I have nothing else to ask Allah for in this life, except to get killed for His sake".

Amirul-Muminin has departed and yet, the banner of his state remains pure and untouched by the filth of shirk. Its Sunni prophetic methodology has not deviated to accommodate the kuffar and murtaddin over the religion of Allah, despite all the war and hardship that afflicted it and its soldiers, and despite the harm of the enemies and the forsaking of allies. We consider him as being trustworthy on it since he grasped it with force after his good predecessors, as we consider them, and he was entrusted with it alongside his mujahid brothers.

Sheikh Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was killed after he and his soldiers severely afflicted the enemies of Almighty, the combatant Crusaders, Rawafid, mushrikin, Sahwat, and murtaddin. Moreover, almost no group of kufr on earth was spared its wrath, by Allah's permission. For his provoking to fight them, Muslims who lived in the Crusader's homeland responded, and to the extent that the operations by the mujahidin in those countries became semi-daily, by Allah's grace, the same as the news of killing Rawafid, Sahwat and tawaghit soldiers in the Muslims' homeland.

The life of the Khalifah of the Muslims, has ended but his state has not, neither has the jihad of its soldiers, by Allah's grace; rather, it remains and continues.

Today, the mushrikin have given up the mission of ending it. Their most ambitious wish is to contain its expansion and limit its danger on them as much as they can. However, they are certain that it will gain more control on the ground than it had before, by Allah's permission, and establish the Shari'ah of Allah elsewhere. Allah will use them to enrage the mushrkin and bring joy to Muslims, for He is the Most Able.

Today, by Allah's permission, the Islamic State starts a new phase of its jihad to purify the land from the filth of shirk and its darkness and to establish the religion of Allah in it.

The happiness felt by the mushrikin for the death of Shaykh Abu Mus'ab az-Zarqawi (may Allah accept him) did not last long before it turned into sadness, and then came the days they witnessed during the time of Sheikh Abu 'Umar al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him), where the affliction of the mujahidin turned into enablement on the ground. Then, they were happy for the death of Shaykh Abu 'Umar al-Baghdadi and his minister and thought that they broke the back of the mujahidin, but they discovered the extent of the disaster awaiting them when the Islamic State of Iraq expanded to Sham before it became the State of Khilafah that hosted Muslims from everywhere, when Sheikh Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) took over.

By Allah's permission, His enemies will be stricken in the coming days for what will be concluded, with Allah's help, by the hands of the mujahidin, from the hearts of His worshipers attracted to them, and from the land they will bring under their control, and from the religion and the Shari'ah of Allah that will be established.

It will be multiple times more than what it was during the time of Shaykh Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him). Sheikh Abu Hamza al-Qurashi (may Allah preserve him) said: "Do not celebrate and do not be boastful, for unto you has come he who will make you forget the hardship of what you have seen before, by Allah's permission. You will think that what Sheikh al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) made you go through was the easy part".

We ask Allah to aid our imam, Sheikh Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi (may Allah preserve him), to bear the burden, straight his aim, provide him with what he needs to achieve the order of Allah, utilize him to fix what was spoiled, guide whoever was lost, and strengthen whoever was weakened. You are the One able to achieve all of that, and all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.